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MANY ARRESTS, PRISON CHANGES MADE IN RUMANIA;  
POLITICAL PRISONERS DIE IN SOVIET CAMPS

GIVES ACCOUNT OF RUMANIAN PRISONS -- Athens, Stratitotika Nea, 12 Aug 51

According to reliable information from Rumania, large-scale arrests have recently been carried out throughout Rumania by the government. These arrests have been made in accordance with "black lists" published by the Communist authorities. The lists include all persons who are characterized by the Communist authorities as reactionary, or enemies of the people, and educated persons who are not considered trustworthy by the regime.

Many arrests were made chiefly in Bucharest, where great numbers of persons are arrested daily. The Vacaresti prison in Bucharest was filled to such an extent that the authorities were forced to move most of the old prisoners to the Martsineni prison in the Prahova district. The Communist authorities are transferring old prisoners jailed in prisons of the principal cities to the district prisons because they want to make space for new prisoners and also because they want to cut off contact of the old prisoners with their families.

The mailing of packages to prisoners was recently prohibited. Moreover, correspondence has also been prohibited. It is said that this measure was taken to prevent the prisoners' families from learning of the treatment given to the prisoners, which from all accounts is terrible. A proof of this is the surprisingly large number of deaths noted in the past 2 months in the Livd prison. Here according to positive information, some 3,000-3,500 prisoners are kept; these prisoners include former ministers, politicians, high-ranking public servants and officers, etc.

The relatives of prisoners who have died in prison are notified of the fact only after a long period of time or not at all. There are many cases in which families living in Bucharest learned of the death of a prisoner in the Vacaresti prison by chance or indirectly. Director of this latter prison is one I. Popa, a former tailor in the city of Sibiu. Recently, many prison guards and two prison chauffeurs were arrested on orders from the prison director for giving out information on the prisoners and for accepting food packages for them.

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It has been reported that on the basis of other lists of undesirable persons, great numbers of the inhabitants of Bucharest have been sent to various other regions of the country. Moreover, certain streets of Bucharest and other large cities have been declared off limits for military reasons.

Another report, not as yet verified, states that many labor brigades consisting of undesirable Rumanians have been organized and put at the disposal of the Soviet Union.

REPORTS DEATH OF RUMANIAN OFFICERS IN SOVIET CONCENTRATION CAMPS -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 29 Jul 51

The existence of Rumanian political prisoners in Soviet concentration camps in which many prisoners die daily has been verified. In the Soviet Ukhta camp the following political prisoners recently died: Gen Bucur Mardan, Colonel Petrovitseanu, Colonel Serbanescu, Capt Vasile Barsan, Dr Chiriak, Reverend Dotsil, Professor Scotigher.

The following political prisoners also died recently in the Karaganda concentration camp: General Marinescu, Colonel Tseaus, Colonel Luzaschi, Judge Ghicav, and lawyer Holban.

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